

## Greener Places Investment & Delivery Plan 2025-2030

The Investment & Delivery Plan is a component of the Greener Places- Green Infrastructure Framework for Bath and North East Somerset 2025- 2035.

It identifies actions to deliver the Greener Places Plan 2025-2035 to achieve the vision for Bath and North East Somerset -

*Green infrastructure plays a key role in ensuring Bath and North East Somerset has a more sustainable, nature-rich and climate resilient future. It is well maintained and valued, and optimises the right social, economic, and environmental benefits in the right locations. There is equitable access to high quality and inclusive green infrastructure, ensuring that every member of the community benefits.*

The actions identified also contribute to delivery of the suite of regional strategies and plans including West of England Joint Green Infrastructure Strategy (JGIS), Local Nature Recovery Strategy, and Regional Growth Plan.

Leading and working with various partners and stakeholders, B&NES aim to:

- Improve policy, practice, process to create, restore and maintain green infrastructure including securing of long-term investment to help meet climate and nature targets and address sustainability issues.
- Build, manage and maintain robust evidence to inform decision making and monitor progress of delivery.
- Increase urban greening in our streets and neighbourhoods to restore nature, provide climate resilience, create healthy places to live and attract investment.
- Reduce inequalities for access to greenspace, improve quality and ensure provision meets the needs of local communities.
- Continue leadership and support for our GI and regional partnerships to deliver existing and expanded landscape scale programmes to deliver the multiple benefits that green infrastructure provides.

For further context including description of GI and the other Framework components (Local Plan policy, GI mapping and Standards), see the Greener Places Plan 2025-2035.

## What we plan to do

'Valuing People, Place and Nature – a Green Infrastructure Strategy for Bath and North East Somerset (2013), was innovative and ground-breaking at the time. It set out key objectives for place making including achieving healthy thriving communities, using natural solutions to tackle climate change, maintaining, and creating robust ecological networks, and contributing to a green economy and nature tourism.

The Greener Places Plan addresses the significant changes that have taken place over recent years, including recognition of the climate and ecological emergencies, the publication of the West of England Joint Green Infrastructure Strategy 2020-2030 (JGIS) and various local and regional plans and strategies including the West of England Combined Authority Climate and Ecological Strategy Action Plan.

### **i) Landscape scale green Infrastructure programmes**

Delivery of the landscape scale green infrastructure projects proposed in the 2013 strategy have progressed. Today they are part of wider partnership delivery programmes that are being co-designed and delivered.

Each programme contributes to delivery of the [Local Nature Recovery Strategy](#) (LNRS), from which the West of England Nature Partnership's (WENP) [Priority Programmes](#) are derived. These include Urban Nature, Restoring our Rivers, and 30 by 30. In providing evidence of the need and setting out the regions priorities for nature, the LNRS and WENP's Priority Programmes, are effective tools in attracting funding and facilitating partnership delivery.

Appendix 1 identifies the WENP programmes and West of England JGIS outcomes that the GI landscape and catchment programmes contribute to including:

**Bathscape Phase 2** will be part of a new **Landscape City programme**, building on the legacy of the National Lottery Heritage Fund programme that will complete in 2026. It will be designed to deliver nature recovery and climate resilience of Bath and its surrounds, aligning with the aims of the World Heritage Site Management Plan and informing new development.

A key focus will be to continue to engage people in the management and enjoyment of the landscape surrounding Bath. We will continue to collaborate with health professionals to encourage more people to access our greenspaces and countryside, through green social prescribing initiatives. As part of the Landscape City programme, further phases of **Bath River Line** 10km route are planned providing enhanced river access and connecting greenspaces through and beyond Bath.

**Somer Valley Rediscovered Partnership** facilitated by the Council will enable the **Cam and Wellow Delivery Programme** to be co-designed and co-delivered by the partners. The programme will focus on partners working at a catchment scale to deliver the agreed outcomes, relating to improved nature recovery, climate resilience and healthier communities. Various funding mechanisms will be required to enable the development of delivery of interventions over the next five years. A bid to the Water Industry National Environment Programme (WINEP) is being progressed to support this work.

**The Chew Valley Reconnected Partnership** led by the council will co-develop the **Chew Valley Delivery Programme** for the Chew catchment to further expand the current partnership programme of work, focusing on water and environmental resilience and delivering health and wellbeing benefits for local communities. Various funding mechanisms will be required to enable the development of delivery of interventions over the next five years. A bid to the Water Industry National Environment Programme (WINEP) is being progressed to support this work.

Having completed the northern section of the **Chew Valley Lake recreational trail** in 2022, the council will continue to explore with Bristol Water options for improving recreational access to the lake and delivering nature recovery improvements for local communities.

The council is working in partnership to explore options for a **Keynsham Memorial Park (KMP)** project to increase peoples access to nature, celebrate the heritage, and improve biodiversity through river restoration and enabling fish passage. The **KMP River and Weir Improvement Project** will utilise relevant data and evidence and undertake consultation with local groups and residents to develop the project to meet these aims.

The detailed design and permissions completed for a **new bridge across the Avon and ecological enhancements at the Somerdale site** enable the Council to progress funding bids for delivery of the scheme.

**Western Forest** - £7.4 million has been secured from central government to create a new national forest that will incorporate the new woodlands that are being created in the Chew Valley by Avon Needs Trees and other partner initiatives in the district. The Forest will deliver multiple benefits including water management, new habitats and public access.

## **ii) Urban greening**

The landscape and catchment programmes described above are now part of the council's **place shaping programmes**, for Bath, Keynsham & Saltford, Somer Valley and Rural areas, and provide connectivity between these places.

The councils place shaping programmes are engaging with local communities and key stakeholders to recognise the specific needs of each place and address current and future needs and help meet targets for net zero and nature recovery. Increasing urban greening is part of place shaping, addressing sustainability issues including inequalities in access to greenspace and climate resilience.

A key delivery tool for urban greening is the new **Nature Towns and Cities accreditation** described in the Greener Places Plan 2025-2035. This aligns with and supports WECA commitment to obtain the accreditation for the region.

Producing green infrastructure strategies as part of the accreditation for each place will ensure local communities are engaged in assessing their current and future greenspace needs, taking account of future growth and meeting the councils GI Standards.

Whilst NLHF have stated that accreditation is not a requirement of applying for funding, accreditation demonstrates that there is local and regional leadership support for prioritising urban greening, reducing the risk to Lottery and other investment from an investor viewpoint.

Economic studies on the value of GI suggest that a 4:1 Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR) is a conservative and reasonable assumption. That means for £1 invested in GI, £4 of benefit is generated.

The 2 levels of accreditation are shown below:



Contributing to place shaping and delivery of the GI Standards the councils **Parks and Open Spaces Team** is delivering the following: **i) Improvement programmes**

**Parks Pulse Programme** – Installation of outdoor gym/exercise equipment across the parks portfolio to encourage increased diversity of offering, increased footfall, increased health & wellbeing (through exercise and promoting being outdoors and social interaction). Improved passive safety through increased use of parks.

**Parks For All Programme** – Programme of improvements to improve accessibility and equality across the Parks portfolio. This will include new and improved paths, entrances, furniture and play and exercise equipment.

**Events Implementation support** – Improvements to parks and greenspaces to enhance commercial revenue earning events and mitigate potential damage to infrastructure caused by high frequency of large events.

## **ii) Maintenance programmes**

**Parks Tree Programme** - Inspect, report and maintain parks tree assets.

**Parks Capital Cyclical & Planned Maintenance Programme** – Inspect, report, repair and maintain parks built assets (includes conservation of heritage elements).

**Parks Play Equipment Replacement Programme** – Inspect, report, repair and maintain parks play assets.

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### iii) Local food growing and allotment provision

Through our Greener Places Plan we will support opportunities for local food growing that deliver multiple benefits for people and the environment. We will:

- **protect existing allotment provision** in line with existing planning policy, ensuring suitable alternative sites are provided where loss of existing sites cannot be avoided;
- **promote the development of new allotments and community growing space** to meet needs arising from new development and in support of our emerging Food Strategy; and
- **encourage action to modernise our existing allotments**, supporting improvements in facilities for individuals and community growers and in environmental outcomes through promoting nature positive growing and site management.

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### How we will deliver

The council's **Capital Programme and Project Management Team** has been established to realise the ambition to deliver priorities such as those laid out in the Greener Places Investment & Delivery Plan 2025-2030. The Team cuts across the B&NES Capital Programme, enabling Project and Programme Managers to work in an effective and efficient way with Green Infrastructure **Programme and Project Sponsors** to maximise delivery. The Parks & Green Infrastructure Programme Manager will have visibility across Corporate Landlord, Parks and Green Infrastructure Programmes and will be able to identify and realise additional value by managing interfaces and bringing funding streams together from each of these to add to the place based focus of the Greener Places Plan.

Funding will be secured from external funding, S106 and CiL for new GI and ensuring sufficient funding for maintenance and management of both existing and new GI.

The **Climate and Environment Team** are providing evidence and advice to the Place Managers as they develop and deliver place and GI programmes for Bath, Keynsham and Saltford, Somer Valley, and our Rural area and work towards accreditation. With our partnerships already working in these areas with partners and

communities we can build on their knowledge and experience. This team will also scope and seek funding for new projects and programmes.

**Sustainable Places and Regeneration Team** are leading on developing and delivering place plans for the areas mentioned above, focusing where investment will deliver most benefit including those wards where urban greening and access to greenspace will address inequalities in provision and quality including Midsomer Norton, Keynsham and particular wards. The announcement in September 2025 of Government's Pride in Place funding of £20m over 10 years for Twerton in Bath will deliver significant benefits to the area.

The **Parks and Open Spaces Team** will continue ongoing improvement and maintenance programmes for parks and greenspaces as previously described. However, delivery is dependent on securing new funding, both for existing site improvements and creating new greenspaces, working with a range of partners and communities.

### Partnership delivery

The council plays a key role in coordinating key partnerships that have already demonstrated success. Investing in these and new partnerships is key to how the council will ensure delivery of the landscape programmes.

Bathscape	Landscape Partnerships membership (2025)	
B&NES Council Bath Spa University Bath University Bath Natural History Society Bath Preservation Trust Avon Wildlife Trust Cotswold National Landscape Federation of Bath Residents Associations National Trust Visit Bath Wessex Water Woodland Trust	<b>Chew Valley Reconnected</b>	<b>Somer Valley Rediscovered</b>
<b>WaterSpace</b>	B&NES Council Bristol Avon Rivers Trust Bristol Avon Catchment Partnership Mendip Hills National Landscape Bristol Water Wessex Water Environment Agency Avon Wildlife Trust Chew Valley Nature Recovery Network Chew Valley Forum Natural England Catchment Sensitive Farming West of England Nature Partnership West of England Rural Network Avon Needs Trees Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group- South West	B&NES Council Somer Valley Rediscovered Greenspaces Project-- includes representatives from Radstock and Midsomer Norton Town Councils and Westfield Parish Council Bristol Avon Rivers Trust Avon Wildlife Trust Bristol Avon Catchment Partnership Wessex Water Natural England Environment Agency University of Bath Bath Spa University Bath College West of England Nature Partnership

### Enabling others to deliver

In addition to working with partnerships, the council is committed to working with a wide range of other stakeholders to deliver the Greener Places Plan including town and parish councils, national and local organisations, developers, land managers, residents, and local interest groups.

The Investment & Development Plan includes actions that will provide information and guidance to inform local decision making and act. These include making evidence available to make case for change and provision of guidance to developers on GI required for specific locations.

## Greener Places Investment and Delivery Plan 2025-2030

Actions	Ref	Next steps	Ownership	Timescale
<b>Building and maintaining green infrastructure evidence</b>				
Develop and manage GI mapping tools	1.1	Develop Phase 1: data and mapping for accessible greenspace to provide evidence for Local Plan, GI Standards and to support decision making of where investment is needed	Climate & Environment Business Intelligence	Underway Year 1
	1.2	Identify future mapping phases, timetable for the work and resources required, linking where appropriate with other organisations mapping, data and websites eg CA, BART's Riverhub, BACP's water targets	Climate & Environment	Year 1
	1.3	Develop and manage a GI Dashboard and link to reporting of progress towards GI standards	Climate & Environment Business Intelligence	Underway Year 1
Review data to ensure it is accurate and clearly defined	1.4	Revisit tree canopy cover baselines using Urban Rural Classification (RUC) 2021 published in March 2025 (RUC 2011 used to date) and the latest National Forest Inventory (NFI 2020 used to date)	Climate & Environment	Underway Year 1
Provide methodology to support evidence	1.5	Produce GI Standards Methodology Report in readiness for the new Local Plan to include how to apply the standards	Climate & Environment	Underway Year 1
Support development of consistent regional approach to the use of evidence and tools to make case for nature based solutions to address sustainability issues	1.6	Agree which tools to assess and value Natural Capital and ecosystem services for assessment of environment, projects and planning. Consideration of South Gloucestershire Councils Investment in Climate and Nature Tool (ICAN)	Climate & Environment Sustainable Places & Regeneration	Underway Year 1
Commission an open space assessment to support the Accessible Greenspace Standards, Local Food Growing Space Standard and Play Space Standards	1.7	Commission an open space assessment for Bath and North East Somerset comprising: a) identification and mapping of publicly accessible greenspace using Natural England's methods b) a capacity assessment to understand provision of publicly accessible greenspace, local food growing space and play space per 1,000 population at an area-wide scale and at a Middle layer Super Output Area (MSOA) level c) a proximity assessment to understand the percentage of households with access to publicly accessible greenspace, local food growing space and play space at an areawide scale and at a Middle layer Super Output Area (MSOA) level using Defra's methods and producing walk time buffer maps	Climate & Environment Planning Parks & Open Spaces Public Health & Prevention	Year 1-2
Collate evidence on level of communities satisfaction with access and quality of greenspace	1.8	Include assessment of satisfaction with greenspace as part of place shaping community engagement (see also 3.3)	Climate & Environment Sustainable Places & Regeneration	Year 1 -5

## Managing and investing in our Corporate Estate



Deliver on councils 30by30 ambition for 30% land managed for nature on council estate in contributing to Bath and North East Somerset and regional 30%	2.1	Prepare costings for first phase of management plans and their delivery for SNCI's on council land	Climate & Environment Corporate Estate	Year 1
( <i>This is also in the Climate and Nature Strategy</i> )	2.2	Develop costed proposal for Corporate Estate to deliver 30 by 30 commitment.	Climate & Environment	Underway Year 1
Improve existing greenspaces for people, nature and climate resilience <i>See also Appendix 1 Additonal Information-Programmes</i>	2.3	Develop <b>Keynsham Memorial Park masterplan</b> (part of Chew Valley Reconnected) Enhanced management of the park for people and nature including; creation of new habitats and enhanced connectivity to other green space in Keynsham and Chew Valley via River Chew including river and weir improvements to aid fish passage	Parks & Open Spaces Sustainable Places & Regeneration	Underway Year 1-5
		<b>Bath</b> <b>a) Develop Entry Hill Greenspace masterplan.</b> Produce governance and finance model that is a financially viable scheme to satisfy Corporate Landlord. Deliver phased improvement of the site for nature recovery and physical activity	Sustainable Places & Regeneration Public Health and Prevention	Underway Year 1-5
		<b>b) Odd Down Sports Ground</b> - Deliver Nature trail and outdoor classroom element of site scheme together with community engagement to manage the nature trail lead walks as part of social prescribing/wellbeing activity programmes	Public Health & Prevention Sustainable Places & Regeneration	Underway Year 1-5
		<b>c) Foxhill Masterplan</b> delivery (5 greenspaces) infrastructure improvements to access and play:  Hawthorn Grove – allotment provision Springfield Park – improved pathways and play area Backstones – conservation of grassland, tree planting and play features Springfield Quarry – provide better access, nature conservation improvements, learning (forest school type) Entry Hill open space – introduction of new play facilities and access improvements	Parks & Open Spaces Sustainable Places & Regeneration	Underway Year 1-3
		<b>d) Royal Victoria Park &amp; Botanical Garden ponds and cascade</b> – seek sustainable water source, restore with improved wildlife habitats and increased biodiversity opportunities	Parks & Open Spaces on behalf of Corporate Landlord	Underway Year 1-3
		<b>e) Bath Riverline</b> - development of 10km linear park through heart of Bath including new and enhanced linear path and greenspaces	Sustainable Places & Regeneration Parks & Open Spaces	Underway Year 1-5
		<b>SOMER VALLEY</b> <b>a) Staddlestones Riverside Park</b> (part of Somer Valley Greenspaces project) - improvements for people and nature	Sustainable Places & Regeneration Parks & Open Spaces	Underway Year 1
		<b>b) Norton Radstock Ecological Improvements</b> at Foxhills and land adjacent to Colliers Way (part of Somer Valley Greenspaces project)	Sustainable Places and Regeneration	Underway Year 1-5

Increase food growing opportunities and nature friendly gardening	2.4	Aim to both expand allotment provision and support nature-friendly gardening practices. Exploring opportunities to bring underused land into cultivation, with sites to be identified.	Parks & Open Spaces	Underway Year 1-5
	2.5	Working with the Allotment Association promote regenerative gardening principles and improve accessibility across sites. A planned strategic visioning session will be arranged to ensure that allotment policy, provision, and practice are aligned with broader goals around nature, climate, and health.	Parks & Open Spaces	Underway Year 1-5

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Ensure access and quality of greenspace and play space is considered and addressed, including as part of place plans and place making	2.6	Retain existing Green Flag Management Plans for 6 parks ( Royal Victoria Park, Bloomfield Green, Alexandra Park, Sydney gardens, Henrietta Park Hedgemead Park) and Haycombe Cemetary in Bath to retain Green Flag Awards. (See also 2.7 quality audit)	Parks & Open Spaces Bereavement services (Haycombe Cemetary and Crematorium)	Annual commitment
	2.7	Pilot a parks accessibility audit that engages the community	Parks & Open Spaces	Year 1-2
	2.8	Undertake new greenspace quality audit (last undertaken in 2015),incorporating learning from accessibility audit pilot (2.5) and Bristol City Council's Nature in Towns and Cities work, to devise a B&NES greenspace quality criteria.	Climate & Environment Parks & Open Spaces	Year 1-2
	2.9	<p>Deliver and review Parks &amp; Openspaces Team's ongoing improvement programmes</p> <p>Parks Pulse Programme – Installation of outdoor gym/exercise equipment across the parks portfolio to encourage increased diversity of offering, increased footfall, increased physical and mental health &amp; wellbeing (through exercise and promoting being outdoors and social interaction). Improved passive safety through increased use of parks.</p> <p>Parks For All Programme – Programme of improvements to improve accessibility and equality across the parks portfolio. This will include new and improved paths, entrances, furniture and play and exercise equipment.</p> <p>Events Implementation support – Improvements to parks and greenspaces to enhance commercial revenue earning events and mitigate potential damage to infrastructure caused by high frequency of large events.</p>	Parks & Open Spaces	Underway Year 1-5
	2.10	<p>Deliver and review Parks &amp; Openspaces Team's ongoing maintenance programmes;</p> <p>Parks Tree Programme - Inspect, report and maintain parks tree assets.</p> <p>Parks Capital Cyclical &amp; Planned Maintenance Programme – Inspect, report, repair and maintain parks built assets (includes conservation of heritage elements).</p> <p>Parks Play Equipment Replacement Programme – Inspect, report, repair and maintain parks play assets.</p> <p>Parks Equipment Replacement Programme - Inspect, report, repair and maintain parks equipment</p>	Parks & Open Spaces	Underway Year 1-5

Invest in volunteering in parks	2.11	Secure funding to maintain programme of volunteer groups in parks ( 2024 - 20 sites) and significant potential to grow in line with Landscape City sites (+10) established with Combined Authority Be Bold Award funding.	Your Park Bristol & Bath Parks & Open Spaces Sustainable Places & Regeneration	Year 1-5
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## Improving practice and processes within the council to support green infrastructure delivery

Develop and support practice within B&NES to codesign projects to include GI in Project Initiation Documents/ Business Cases and demonstrate outcomes using Doughnut Decision Wheel	3.1	Agree how this will work as part of place shaping and for projects not directly engaged with place shaping programmes to ensure GI benefits and standards are achieved.	Corporate Policy	Underway Year 1
Review staff resources to understand roles required to deliver Local Plan policy -address design, delivery and compliance, to ensure an integrated approach is taken to climate, ecology, and healthy places.	3.2	Work with Climate & Environment, Planning, Development Management and Enforcement Teams	Climate & Environment Development Management Planning & Conservation.	Year 1
Use Nature in Towns and Cities accreditation to demonstrate councils commitment to improve nature and greenspace across our towns and city	3.3	Seek Nature in Towns and Cities accreditation in developing and delivering place shaping plans for Bath, Keynsham and Saltford, Somer Valley, that requires GI strategies for each place identifying what needs to be done to meet needs of those communities with regard B&NES GI Standards	Climate & Environment Sustainable Places & Regeneration	Year 1 - 5
Update B&NES <b>Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP)</b> to include GI projects identified in GI Framework Delivery Plan and allocate resources to manage the cumulative impacts of development on GI, especially greenspace management and maintenance	3.4	Produce updated IDP to ensure GI including greenspaces are allocated sufficient and timely finance and ensure new infrastructure links to and supports, parks and greenspace network	Climate & Environment Planning Parks & Open Spaces	Annual commitment
Simplify <b>management and monitoring of allocation of S106 and CIL funding</b> for GI ( including greenspaces and trees).	3.5	Confirm responsibility and allocation of s106 and CIL for GI and how delivery will be monitored	Climate & Environment Planning	Underway Year 1
Support and develop a cultural change within B&NES to recognise need and benefits of investment in public realm and the GI network, identifying the means by which B&NES can ensure GI is funded, managed, maintained including adopted and adoption of additional land where that land delivers against GI standards and land for biodiversity	3.6	Develop and implement in house training programme to increase awareness and understanding of GI to incorporate GI into schemes and develop a proactive council approach to adopted land	Climate & Environment	Underway Year 1
	3.7	Identify new funding model to manage and maintain greenspace considering potential of a skilled and resourced 'Countryside Management Service' to look after greenspace delivered through GI projects, planning and BNG	Climate & Environment Parks & Open Spaces	Year 2

Delivering new green infrastructure and maintaining existing green infrastructure to support growth				
Embed Natural England's GI Framework into Local Plan in line with the National Planning Policy Framework and develop appropriate GI design codes and planning conditions	4.1	Signpost to existing NE GI resources including guidance and seek support from NE regional officers in embedding in council and partner activities including Local Plan and Regional Growth Plan	Climate & Environment Planning Natural England	Underway Year 1
	4.2	Develop strategic planning for accessible greenspaces and nature recovery to include testing of GI Standards for Local Plan Strategic Development Locations, and place needs in meeting the standards; Keynsham/Saltford, Hicks Gate and Whitchurch, Bath area, Somer Valley and Rural Area	Climate & Environment Planning	Underway Year 1 -2
	4.3	Working with partner authorities identify potential locations for large district and sub regional Natural Greenspaces in line with the Accessible Greenspace Standards and taking account of new strategic development	Climate & Environment Planning	Year 1-2
	4.4	Produce design codes to support delivery of GI eg greener streets, SuDs, greening of public realm	Climate & Environment Sustainable Places & Regeneration Planning	Year 2
	4.5	Establish a record of GI Plans submitted and Urban Greening Factor achieved when Local Plan adopted and new GI policy implemented	Climate & Environment Development Management	Year 2
Embed GI in B&NES and regional plans and strategies to address relevant plan objectives and sustainability issues	4.6	Ensure GI is considered in revised and new plans / strategies including Regional Growth Plan, and regional transport plans to secure funding and deliver schemes with GI embedded within them with monitoring of the GI outcomes achieved	Climate & Environment Lead officers for plans and strategies	Underway Year 1 - 5
Provide food growing provision through Local Plan policy and identify new opportunities through GI projects, private and community initiatives	4.7	Develop and publish Local Food Strategy that identifies opportunities for community food growing including allotments, orchards, edible landscapes	Public Health & Prevention	Underway Year 1
	4.8	Support and enable more residents to garden in ways that support soil ecosystems and biodiversity, while also addressing the growing demand for allotment space	Parks & Open Spaces Climate & Environment	Underway Year 1 -5
Retrofitting the urban environment for climate resilience, people and nature				

As part of Climate adaption, identify where and what type of GI / natural flood management will reduce impact of flooding e.g. SuDs, tree planting, permeable surfaces.	5.1	Place Shaping Managers working with stakeholders include consideration of site specific issues and seek solutions to management / maintenance of infrastructure, engaging those who 'own', manage and / or have management responsibilities for flood defence / drainage including riparian owners, and those who make decisions that impact on infrastructure including Planning Policy and Development Management teams	Sustainable Places & Regeneration Flooding & Drainage	Year 1-5
	5.2	Incorporate SuDS schemes as part of projects and in all developments, highways schemes, and as part of retrofit for buildings and streets	Sustainable Places & Regeneration Highways and Transport	Year 1-5
	5.3	Identify how SuDS projects will be funded and developed, delivered and maintained, both internally and working externally with partner organisations, including the water companies and NGOs	Sustainable Places & Regeneration Highways and Transport	Year 1-2
	5.4	Deliver B&NES Greener Streets project - fund opportunities, at a range of scales, to plant trees within the urban area to increase canopy cover within built up areas.	Parks & Open Spaces	Year 1-5
Understand how GI delivers climate resilience and adaptation and B&NES and partners understand their roles in delivering it	5.5	Share evidence, case studies, training etc to deliver agreed priorities and shared outcomes for climate resilience	Climate & Environment	Underway Year 1-5

	5.6	Support Green Prescriptions for Streets(GP4Streets) research project to develop tool kit for use by residents to use GI to adapt urban streets to be resilient to impacts of climate change	University of Bath University of West of England Climate & Environment	Underway Year 1-3
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### Landscape scale delivery and interventions - See also *Appendix 1 Additional Information- Programmes*

Integrate existing partnership programmes into emerging place shaping programmes and ensure purpose and governance clearly set out to secure long-term finance for 10-year periods.	6.1	Bathscape (including Landscape City), WaterSpace, Chew Valley Reconnected, Somerset Valley Rediscovered partnerships to maintain and review purpose delivery plans on regular basis. Ensure partners collaborate to develop and deliver proposals	Climate & Environment Sustainable Places & Regeneration	Underway Year 1
Develop process and practice to develop pipeline of GI projects and schemes incorporating GI, to be invested in.	6.2	Regional and Bath and North East Somerset partners to collaborate to identify pipeline projects to maximise benefits and secure funding to address issues and deliver on priorities including housing, regeneration schemes, and Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)	Climate & Environment Sustainable Places & Regeneration	Underway Year 1-5

As part of rural areas partnership programmes, develop and support Farm Clusters incl. Chew, Cam and Wellow, Radstock to engage farmers and landowners in identifying and delivering solutions to issues including water management, and biodiversity loss	6.3	Ensure interested parties (council services, NGOs, local groups etc) know how and when to engage with the landowners in the clusters to avoid conflicting requests to deliver multi-beneficial projects	Climate & Environment	Underway Year 1-5
Develop, enhance and manage strategic network of trails and routes developed in partnership	6.4	Review Rights of Way Improvement Plan to ensure strategic routes are managed and maintained in collaboration with partners and appropriate funding secured for routes including: Cotswold Way National Trail Circuit of Bath Bathscape Circular walks Bristol to Bath strategic corridor routes: Bristol Bath Railway Path/ Kennet and Avon Canal Path and River Avon Trail (potential to become a National River Trail) Limestone Link Path Two Rivers Way – connecting Keynsham and Chew Valley Lake	Climate & Environment Public Rights of Way	Year 2-5
	6.5	Produce network plan to better connect people to green and blue space and improve health and wellbeing. To be based on an assessment of PRow connectivity, need to develop new and improved routes to connect people as part of strategic GI network and develop the Active Way model	Climate & Environment	Year 2-5
Support development of area wide public engagement to connect with natural environment and to assist management and maintenance of GI	6.6	Develop and secure funding to maintain established walking festivals in Bathscape and Somer Valley and develop new walking festival in Chew Valley	Climate & Environment Sustainable Places & Regeneration	Underway Year 1
Deliver on councils 30x30 ambition for 30% land managed for nature in Bath and North East Somerset - See also 2.2	6.7	Collaborate with partners and landowners to produce management plans for SNCIs on non-council land	Climate & Environment	Year 1-2
	6.8	Identify land to be brought into management to deliver 30x 30 target	Climate & Environment	Underway Year 1-2
Ensure new tree planting reaches maturity and contributes to the tree canopy targets	6.9	Identify resources required to ensure appropriate species of trees are planted, and undertake monitoring and maintenance of trees	Climate & Environment Development Management Planning & Conservation	Year 1
	6.10	Signpost to-tree species and tree planting guidance recommended by the council, to support delivery of the Ecological Emergency Action Plan and to be climate resilient	Planning and Conservation Parks & Open Spaces	Year 1-5
<b>Research, training and green social prescribing as part of regional approach</b>				
Develop a GI research programme to better inform decision making and project delivery and monitoring	7.1	Identify research opportunities with Bristol and Bath universities	Climate & Environment	Underway Year 1 - 5



	7.2	Undertake feasibility work to address intersectional barrier of dogs in parks	Your Park Bristol & Bath University of Bath Parks & Open Spaces	Underway Year 1
Develop opportunities for apprenticeships, internships and training in green skills and specialist disciplines	7.3	Support development of green skills training, placement opportunities and specialist courses for roles required to plan, deliver and manage GI assets including greenspaces. Focus on sustainable funding for volunteer management and pathways into careers	Business and Skills Natural History Consortium Your Park Bristol & Bath	Underway Year 1-5
Develop delivery of Green Social Prescribing (GSP) in in the region	7.4	Establish mixed funding models, including health system investment, to support sustainable nature-based health programmes and enhance GI in Bath and North East Somerset	West of England Nature Partnership 3SG	Underway Year 1-5
	7.5	Develop consistent monitoring of Green Social Prescribing (GSP) benefits in the region	West of England Nature Partnership 3SG	Underway Year 1-5
	7.6	Explore opportunities to introduce GSP activities to more urban parks across Bath	Your Park Bristol & Bath	Underway year 1-5
Support West of England Nature Partnership's (WENP) Nature and Health Group's regional health initiatives	7.7	Continue to map and promote nature and health providers to increase referral / engagement to them	West of England Nature Partnership Your Park Bristol & Bath	Underway Year 1-5
	7.8	Develop nature spaces and GSP at GP practices in Bath and North East Somerset as part of a greener GP practice regional network	West of England Nature Partnership	Underway Year 1- 5



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## Appendix 1 Additional information – Programmes

Programme (listed according to B&NES led Place shaping)	WENP Priority	Key projects within programme	Expected outcomes	Contribution to WoE GI Outcomes	Lead partner (s)	Funding secured / required	Time scale
Place shaping - Bath							
Landscape City	30/30, UN, WF, GC	<b>Bathscape (Phase 1)</b>  National Heritage Lottery Fund programme - Explore, Learn, Restore projects	20 mile (32kms) Circuit of Bath Walk 19 Self guided walking Trails Weekly Wellbeing Walks Annual Walking Festival (8) Events/Walks – 20,000+ participants	Nos 1&3	B&NES	Secured NHLF	2018-2026
			Podcasts (50+) Learning resources for schools Videos	Nos 1&3	B&NES	Secured	2018-2026
			180 hectares(Ha) advised on improved management of woodland, 200 Ha advised on better management of grasslands 5 Ha of seeded flower rich meadows 20 viewpoints assessed 12 archaeological sites surveyed	All	B&NES	Secured	2018-2026
	30/30, UN,WF,GC	<b>Bathscape (Phase 2)</b> <i>(was Landscape City Framework programme)</i>					
	30/30,UN	Entry Hill Greenspace	Masterplan for the site Governance and finance model that is a financially viable scheme to satisfy Corporate Landlord. Phased improvement of the site for nature recovery Assess value of ecosystem services – the tool to be agreed to align with regional approach Pilot an Eco hub option via Forest of Imagination 2025 event	All potentially	B&NES	Secured for masterplan <b>Required for implementation</b>	2026-2030
	30/30,UN	Odd Down Sports Ground	Nature trail -Engagement with community to manage the nature trail lead walks as part of social prescribing/wellbeing activity.	All except No 4	B&NES	<b>Required</b>	2026-2028

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	30/30,UN	Foxhill Masterplan delivery (5 greenspaces)	Infrastructure improvements to access and play	All except No 4	B&NES (Parks)	Funding for Phase 1 secured for some elements of the work	2026 - 2027
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Also part of WaterSpace Programme			Hawthorn Grove – allotment provision Springfield Park – improved pathways and play area Backstones – conservation of grassland, tree planting and play features Springfield Quarry – provide better access, nature conservation improvements, learning (forest school type) Entry Hill open space – introduction of new play facilities and access improvements			Delivery not fully funded	2026 - 2030
	30/30, UN,WF	Habitat management – grassland and woodland outcomes to be confirmed in 2026 to follow on from Bathscape Phase 1	Practical management on sites to take forward management plans	All except No 4	B&NES (GI&NR Team)	Secured	
	UN,30/30	<b>Bath River Line – 10km linear park</b> through heart of Bath					2021- 2030
		i) Bath River Line - <u>Phase 1</u> (West and Central)	Suite of key strategic interventions along the river in the west of Bath, to upgrade the linear park and enhance biodiversity. Including new signage, planting, cycle racks and seating areas. Public engagement programme to increase use of the route.	All except No 4	B&NES	Secured to March 2026	
		ii) Bath River Line - <u>Phase 2</u> (East and Central)	Public realm and biodiversity improvements eastern and central river line. Detailed scope TBD.  Bathampton Meadows access and biodiversity enhancement	All except No 4	B&NES  NT	  <b>Required</b>	
							Feasibility stage 2026-27 Delivery 2027-2030

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		iii) Bath River Line - <u>Phase 3</u> (Central)	Public realm and biodiversity improvements linked to delivery of adjacent proposed projects central Bath – Bath Rugby and Radial Gate removal	All except No 4	B&NES	Required	TBD
Place shaping - Rural areas							
	30/30	<b>Keynsham Memorial Park Masterplan</b>	Enhanced management of the park for people and nature	All except No 4	B&NES	Required	2025 2027

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<b>Chew Valley Reconnected –</b> Partnership - programme of partnership projects		<i>Note: Also part of Keynsham Place Shaping</i>	including; creation of new habitats and enhanced connectivity to other green space in Keynsham and Chew Valley via River Chew			Secured CIL funding Explore lottery bid	
		Keynsham Memorial Park (KMP) River and Weir improvements	River and weir improvements to enable fish passage and river/riparian restoration Creation of wetland habitat Reduced flooding risk Reduced maintenance costs	All except No 4	B&NES/ BART	Required	On going -2030 (subject to agreement on proposal and funding secured)
	30/30	<b>Chew Valley Lake Recreational Trail</b> (southern section)	Extension of northern section linking to communities Enhancement of nature  Small scale interventions are being scoped in 25/26 with aim to deliver 2026-28.	All except No 4	B&NES	Required	Delivery subject to landowner agreement and securing funding – subject to FBC.
	30/30 WF	<b>Lower Chew Forest</b>	Creation of woodland located at Wick Farm a 422-acre site. 2 hectares of leaky dams and wetlands for natural flood management. 8km of species-rich native hedgerows.	All except No 4	ANT/ BART	Secured	2024-2026 development phase
	30/30, WF	<b>Great Avon Wood</b>	Woodland creation across 113 acres at Publow. Mosaic habitats Creation of waymarked woodland trail.	All except No 4	ANT	Secured	Establishment Sept 2022 - April 2027

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	30/30	<b>Landscape Recovery in the Lower Chew</b>	Management for nature recovery of 2000 acres of land, between Hunstrete, Maes Knoll and Stanton Drew, including Great Avon Wood and Lower Chew Forest. Improved river health and natural flood management.	All except No 4	ANT	Secured/ <b>Required</b>	development phase 1/4/24 – 31/12/25.  Exact interventions co-designed over the development phase April 2024 to Dec 2025 Drawing up plans for the following 20-25 years.
	30/30	<b>Chew Farm Cluster</b>	Landowner engagement delivering nature based solutions to range of issues	All	BART	Secured/ <b>Required</b>	Funded to March 2026. Funding required post 2026 to support facilitation of group.
	30/30, GC	<b>Pollinator Pathway</b>	Creation of pollinator habitats along the B-line between Browns Folly & Folly Farm	8	AWT	Secured	Funded to March 2026
	30/30, RR	<b>Chew Valley Partnership-Delivery Programme</b>	Development of a partnership programme at a catchment	All	CVRP	Water Industry National Environment	2025-2030

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			scale. Use evidence base to co-design and co-develop with external partners an agreed programme of priority actions/ projects that will deliver longterm benefits for nature recovery, climate resilience and healthier communities.			Programme (WINEP) funding from Wessex Water and Bristol Water to be confirmed in 2025- <b>Match funding required</b>	Potential to secure funding for delivery for 2030-2035 subject to approval/support of development phase.
<b>Place shaping- Somer Valley</b>							
<b>Somer Valley Rediscovered - Partnership - programme of partnership projects</b>	30/30,GC	<b>Greenspaces project (Phase 1)</b>	Improved biodiversity (including 9.16 BNG units) Improved community wellbeing Improved access to green spaces	All except No 4	B&NES	Secured	Green Space Team currently funded 2022-2026
		Staddlestones Riverside Park	Improved park (2ha) for people and biodiversity	All except No 4	B&NES	Secured	2025 -2026 implementation
		Waterside Valley	Improved greenspace (13ha) for people and biodiversity	All except No 4	WPC	Secured	2025-2026
		Hayden Batch	Improved greenspace (8ha) for people and biodiversity	All except No 4	RTC	Secured	2025-2026
		Midsomer Norton Town Park	Improved park (8ha) for people and biodiversity	All except No 4	MSNTC	Secured	2025-2026

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		Wellow Brook Walk	Improved greenspace (3ha) for people and biodiversity	All except No 4	MSNTC	Secured	2025-2026
	30/30,GC	<b>Greenspaces project (Phase 2)</b>	Improved greenspaces for people and biodiversity Habitat management Events/Walking festival/Ecowild courses Green Social prescribing programme	All except No 4	B&NES	Required	2026 - 2030
	30/30,GC	<b>Norton Radstock Ecological Improvements</b> (Foxhills and land adjacent to Colliers Way)	Nature recovery – grassland / scrub / hedgerow management. Management Plan	Nos 1, 2 & 8	B&NES	Secured (post secured for 1 year, funding for 20yrs management)	2025 – 2026 (post) 2025 onwards
	30/30,UN, RR	<b>Somer Valley Rediscovered Partnership- Cam &amp; Wellow Delivery Programme</b>	Development of a partnership programme at a catchment scale. Use evidence base to co-design and co-develop with external partners an agreed programme of priority actions/ projects that will deliver longterm benefits for nature recovery, climate resilience and healthier communities.	All	SVRP (TBC)	Water Industry National Environment Programme (WINEP) funding to be confirmed by Wessex Water in 2025 <b>Match funding required</b>	2025-2030 Potential to secure funding for delivery for 2030-2035 subject to approval/support of development phase.
<b>Midsomer Norton – Town Centre Masterplan</b>	30/30, RS, UN, RR	Hollies Gardens, River Somer and town centre greening.	Redesign of the Hollies Gardens, daylighting a further stretch of the River Somer on	All except 4	B&NES	Secured/ <b>Required</b>	2025-2030

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Incorporating GI and nature enhancement work.			the High Street and greening of the town centre and car parks through planting and introduction of SUDs.				
B&NES/region wide							
<b>Western Forest</b> Regional approach involving 12 Local Planning Authorities and MCA, Forest of Avon and Great Western Community Forest	30/30, UN,WF WF	Development of Western Forest Plan	Regional plan Woodland opportunity mapping tool Guide for developers (All above TBC)	All potentially	WF	Secured £7.4m	2025- 2030
<b>WaterSpace</b> – programme of partnership projects in Avon Corridor (See also Landscape City - Bath River Line)	UN	WaterSpace Connected- Proposed bridge at Somerdale	New connection to River Avon Trail Improved strategic network	All except No's 4 & 5	B&NES	Required	Completion - subject to funding
	30/30	Somerdale Nature Park	New public wildlife site	All	B&NES/ Taylor Wimpey/NT	Required	Completion subject to funding
<b>Limestone Link</b> - ecological and recreational corridor partnership project	30/30 GC	Grassland restoration and creation	Improved biodiversity	All	WENP/ B&NES /MCA	Required	Project being scoped
	UN	Improved links to Limestone Link long distance walking route, from urban settlements, connecting Mendip Hills and Cotswolds National Landscapes	Better connected PRow Maintained and managed route		B&NES/CN L/MHNL	Required	

Key	WoE GI Outcomes
1	Create and maintain sustainable places
2	Create and maintain valued healthy landscapes
3	Health and wellbeing for all
4	Support sustainable and local food production
5	Greater resilience to climate change
6	Build a resilient economy
7	Sustainable water management
8	Improved and better connected ecological networks

WENP Major projects	
30/30	Local wildlife sites and 30 by 30
RS	Restoring species
TT	Tackling transport severance
UN	Urban Nature
RR	Restoring our rivers
SS	Severn Shoreline Levels and Moors
GC	Grassland connections
WF	Western Forest
SN	State of Nature reporting

Lead partners
AFP Avon Frome Partnership
ANT Avon Needs Trees
BART Bristol Avon Rivers Trust
BPT Bath Preservation Trust
C&RT Canal & River Trust
CVRP Chew Valley Reconnected Partnership
CNL Cotswold National Landscape
CVW Cotswold Volunteer Wardens
MCA Mayoral Combined Authority
MHNL Mendip Hills National Landscape
MSNTC Midsomer Norton Town Council
NT National Trust
RTC Radstock Town Council
SVRP Somer Valley Rediscovered Partnership
WENP West of England Nature Partnership
WPC Westfield Parish Council